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Dunning et al.

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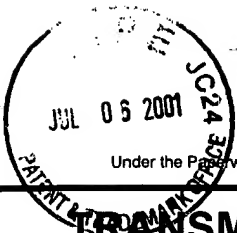
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2001, please reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the remarks below. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the efforts in reviewing the comments provided by Applicants in the response mailed October 19, 1999.

Applicants believe the following is a complete response to the issues raised by the Examiner and that the following comments place the application into condition for allowance.



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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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1. **BASIC FILING FEE**

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101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	260	204	135	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	*Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	*Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for response within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for response within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for response within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for response within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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